

A UNION OF BEGGARS ROMANCE OF SERVANT

AN ASSOCIATION IS FORMED BY FRENCH CRIPPLES.

Not Affiliated With Other Labor Organizations—"Northern Hobble"
Originator of the Movement—
Rules Adopted.

Paris.—The latest development in unions hails from Marseilles, where the crippled beggars have met to form an association to protect their interests.

The originator of the movement is Francois Rosin, better known as the Northern Hobble, who is a globe trotter, celebrated for racing matches, to which he challenges any one who, like himself, is condemned to wood in the matter of legs. M. Rosin summoned a meeting of his fellow cripples, 26 of whom answered the call.

Some came on crutches, some had wooden legs, some with no legs at all came sitting on little wheeled carriages, and some had no arms. All listened attentively while the convoker of the meeting explained his purpose.

"We must first of all struggle against false beggars who exploit children borrowed from anywhere by making them dance around their miserable barrel organs, poor little kids for whom they pay seven francs a month to parents. That at least is the present rate.

"We must wage war against the contractors of mendacity who put beggars out on the sidewalks, covered with long blouses, which often conceal



Organizer of Beggars' Trade Union in France.

a perfectly sound body. These contractors take most of the money given to the beggars.

"We must finally put the public on its guard against all those beggars who, coming from goodness knows where, from foreign parts, shamming horrible infirmities, live on French public charity and so rob us."

M. Rosin was elected president of the new union without a dissenting murmur, and then the following code was drawn up and adopted:

Article 1.—Every member of the union must be French.

Article 2.—Members must refrain from singing or reciting songs or monologues against the Republican government, its officials, the police and clergy of any religion.

Article 3.—The duty of a member of the union who finds himself in a town exploited by sham mendicants or by beggars working under a contractor is to give information to the authorities.

Article 4.—It is clearly understood that to belong to the union a member must be crippled or suffering from some infirmity, visible or apparent.

Article 5.—Crippled or infirm women can become members.

Article 6.—No officer of the union shall receive any pay or indemnity.

After a short discussion it was decided that the union, in order to acquire the good grace of the government should not affiliate with the Bourse du Travail or with the General Labor Confederation. But as it was thought well that the union should seek official recognition, a deputation, consisting of the president, secretary, treasurer and dean of the cripples, Celestin Marius, waited on the prefect.

Unfortunately the prefect was away on business, but if the reception given by the prefectural staff may be taken as a token the union is not likely to get any status from that officer.

Silent Secretary Root.

Secretary Ellhu Root is supposed to be one of the best paid attorneys in the United States. When he was secretary of war he frequently went horseback riding with General Henry C. Corbin, the adjutant general of the army. Secretary Root never spoke once during their many rides. The silence became embarrassing to Corbin, who made many fruitless efforts to engage Root in conversation. Becoming desperate after his failures, Corbin, in speaking of the dilemma, exclaimed: "Why, the man is so accustomed to being paid for talking that I'll be hanged if I believe he will talk unless he is paid for it. I'll have to pay him a stiff fee to hear the sound of his voice."

Club Gets McKinley Portrait.

A copy of his White House painting of President McKinley has been made for Cornelius N. Bliss by W. D. Murphy, and it has been given by Mr. Bliss to the Union League club, of New York.

FORMER HOUSEKEEPER WEDS WESTERN MILLIONAIRE.

Was Once Companion of His First Wife—Successfully Invests Savings, Then Educates Himself and Travels.

Spokane, Wash.—Anna Larsen-Peterson, born of humble parents in Sweden, has become the wife of D. C. Corbin, millionaire railroad builder and sugar manufacturer, president of the Spokane International Railway company, whose line he built after selling the Spokane Falls & Northern railway to the Great Northern Railroad company. The wedding took place at Mt. Vernon, N. Y., May 22, and was not made public until the couple arrived in Spokane a few days ago. Mrs. Corbin is 35 years of age, while her husband is 70. Close friends say it was a love match.

Mrs. Corbin's romance reads more like one of Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tales than a story of modern life in the active and virile northwest. The daughter of a small farmer in rural Sweden, as a little girl she dreamed of the future, and before she attained her majority she came to America, like many of her countrymen and women, to improve her station in life.

After working in various households in New England and the middle western states, she came to Spokane 12 years ago and entered the home of D. C. Corbin as a housekeeper and companion to Mrs. Corbin. She gained the friendship of Mrs. Corbin, who assisted the girl with her education. Shortly before Mrs. Corbin died, six years ago, Anna married Antone Peterson, at that time identified with a local hardware firm, but they lived together only a few weeks, and two years afterward the young woman obtained a divorce at Tacoma.

Before her marriage she invested her savings in realty, which she sold profitably, and with the proceeds went to Chicago and placed herself under instructors, afterward going to Boston and New York, whence she went abroad with a teacher and three other pupils on an educational tour.

She traveled extensively a year, and in the meantime entered into correspondence with her former employer, who asked her hand in marriage three years ago. She gave her consent several weeks ago, when Mr. Corbin started eastward on a business trip, and they were married at the home of a friend, the bride being given away by her brother, Hjalmer Larson, who is chief draftsman for the Spokane International system.

Mrs. Corbin is of the Swedish type of beauty and has light hair and blue eyes. She is a brilliant conversationalist and speaks English with scarcely a trace of accent. She is also conversant with the French and German languages. She is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and it is said by intimate friends that she will use considerable of the fortune placed at her disposal by her husband in assisting her countrywomen and in works of charity.

Through her marriage she becomes the mother-in-law of the earl of Oxford, whose wife is Mr. Corbin's daughter.

BOY HAS PLAN TO FEED HORSES.

Automatic Labor-Saving Device Is the Work of Fourteen-Year-Old.

Middleboro, Mass.—One of the most unique displays in the home work department at the recent exhibition given by the pupils of the public schools was the automatic horse feeder made by Arthur Ripley, a 14-year-old high school student. Visiting teachers and superintendents were much interested in this labor-saving device, and the young electrician was kept busy during the exhibition explaining his feeder and demonstrating its usefulness.

It consisted of a large box with two partitions for the different kinds of grain, the bottom of which was hung on hinges. A lever which held the bottom in position was connected with the alarm gear of a common alarm clock, which was put in a small box on the side of the grain receptacle. The time of the clock in front corresponded with the time on the clock inside the box.

The alarm is set at the time the horses are to be fed, and the farmer could then go about his other work, and at the proper time the alarm would go off, releasing the lever and dropping the bottom of the box, which allowed the grain to fall into the manger in front of the horse. A small electric light is attached to the upper side of the clock box, which shows the farmer where the box is without a lantern, so that the possibility of setting fire to the barn is averted. Each day the box is filled with grain and the lever adjusted.

"Specs" Needed by 100,000.

New York.—The board of education has voted to ask the health department to make an expert examination of the eyes of all the children in the public schools to find out exactly how many would need glasses. Commissioner Stern said he estimated at least 100,000 children would require spectacles. He declared that "all attempts to educate these half-blind children under present conditions means so much sheer waste of money to New York." He said the city must provide glasses for the afflicted pupils at once or else regret its refusal throughout the generation.

DANIEL DEFOE'S HOME TO GO.

Dwelling Where "Robinson Crusoe" Was Written Will Be Demolished.

London.—One of the most interesting "literary shrines" in England, the house in which Daniel Defoe penned the greater part of "Robinson Crusoe," is about to be torn down to make way for modern dwellings. This little old-fashioned house, set back from the Fimborough road, Tooting, and in striking contrast with the modern shops which flank it on either side, is now practically just as it was 219 years ago when Defoe came to it with his family to begin a strange life of isolation. He lived at Tooting for 18 months and during this time and



Where Author of "Robinson Crusoe" Lived.

for 20 years thereafter is said rarely by some, never to have spoken to his wife or children.

The sole change that has been made in the house since Defoe's time was the substitution of a new front in the year 1785. Over the scullery on the second floor is the little room where Defoe worked over the literary masterpiece which has secured his reputation for all time. This, the smallest room of the 12 which comprise the house, was his sanctuary, and only he passed its portals. Here for whole days he would shut himself from his family, receiving his meals, the meager repasts of an impecunious genius.

During the time Defoe lived in this house he was hard beset by creditors. Indeed, four years later, he was declared a bankrupt and was compelled to secrete himself to escape a term in a debtor's prison.

The old house is at present occupied by an aged woman and her equally aged husband. For a small fee they show visitors the room where Defoe wrote "Robinson Crusoe." In recent years the American pilgrims to this literary shrine have far outnumbered English callers.

KING OSCAR RESUMES REIGN.

Celebration of Marriage Anniversary Marks Abolition of Regency.

Stockholm.—The fiftieth wedding anniversary of King Oscar II. and Queen Sophia was celebrated the other day with extensive ceremonies. Messages of congratulation were received from all the crowned heads of Europe as well as from most of the foreign ministers and prominent persons over the entire world.

Members of the diplomatic corps assigned to the Swedish court called in a body to pay their respects and wish the aged king and his consort many more years of happy domestic life.

For the people of Sweden there was a double significance in the celebration, as it marked the return to the



KING OSCAR II. (Monarch of Sweden Who Has Resumed Reins of Government.)

throne of King Oscar after his temporary abdication in favor of Crown Prince Gustave as regent.

When King Oscar laid down the reins of government December 14, 1906, it was feared he would never be able to assume the duties of governing the country again, but his health has improved to such an extent that the regency was abolished. It was as active sovereign that Oscar received the homage of his subjects at the wedding anniversary celebration.

Happy Man!

Recently a Washingtonian, in conversation with "Gille" James, the gigantic and genial congressman from Kentucky, made certain inquiries with reference to a mutual friend whom he had not seen for a number of years—a Col. P. of the state mentioned.

"And how does my old friend, the Colonel, spend his declining years?" asked the Washingtonian.

"Beautifully, sir, beautifully," answered James. "He has a fine farm, sir. And a string of trotters; sir. And a barrel of whiskey 16 years old, sir, and a wife of the same age, sir."—Lippincott's.

Brennan to Be Given Chance.

Louis Brennan, the man who invented the gyroscopic railroad in England, is to have a chance to demonstrate his project in India, the government having granted him a subsidy of \$25,000. Moody Boynton, the first monorail, is not so fortunate.



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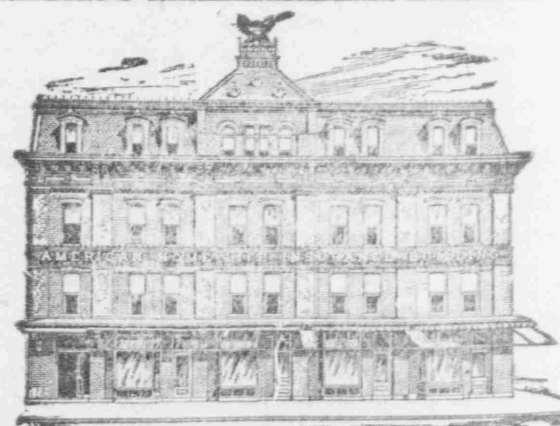
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